

Note: The Waste Management Team handles waste and recycling for both the GRC in Cleveland and Plum Brook facilities in Sandusky, Ohio. To recycle the following items, please complete a Waste Disposal Request (NASA C260a). If you have any questions, please call 3-2124.

Light Bulb Recycling

The Waste Management Team collects all bulbs and fixtures, then segregates them by type: fluorescent, metal halides, and sodium halides. All of these are sent for recycling.

Ballasts must be sorted by PCB-content or non-PCB-content. PCB-content bulbs and fixtures go, as is, to a permitted PCD disposal site. Non-PCB-content items go to a facility that crushes them then shakes out the three constituent parts.

The powdered fluorescent material is sent for reprocessing new bulbs, and the metal and glass are recycled separately.

If the bulbs are older, there may be some mercury content, which the processor disposes of according to regulations, or captures for reuse.